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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the substitute specification (Appendix A) submitted herewith in clean form is respectfully requested. A marked-up substitute specification (Appendix B) is also being submitted herewith to clearly identify the amendments to the specification, as required by Rule 121 (as amended). The substitute specification does not add new matter.